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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document which is listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of the listed document, Published Japanese Application No. 2000-141687 ("JP '687"), is submitted herewith. Applicants note that JP '687 is the priority document of Published European Application No. 0 965 451 A2 ("EP '451"), which is already of record in this Application (*see* the September 10, 2001 IDS), and which the Examiner has initialed as considered (*see* the initialed PTO-1449 form attached to the April 1, 2002 Office Action).

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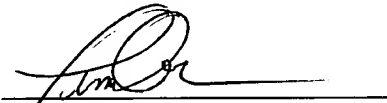
mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants direct the Examiner to EP '451, which is already of record. EP '451 is an English-language version of JP '687.

The submission of the listed document is not intended as an admission that the document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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